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**MEN'S BASKETBALL:**  
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**NO MORE:** Shelia Horan has been reassigned as a result of a questionable investigation.

## FBI shuffles security division

By Ted Bridis  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The FBI director has reassigned the acting head of his national security division, one of the bureau's highest-ranking women, after losing confidence in her investigation into whether China tried to recruit a U.S. spy, according to people familiar with the move.

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller made the decision about a week ago to replace Sheila Horan. During 1998, Horan headed the investigation into the bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa, which led investigators to al-Qaida followers of Osama bin Laden.

Mueller notified Senate oversight committee members, and on Tuesday personally explained his decision during a closed-door Senate briefing. Horan was reassigned to an administrative position.

Sources familiar with the meeting said Mueller told senators he had serious concerns within the division, which investigates reports of spying in the United States, and he outlined the changes he has made.

The New York Times, which first reported Horan's reassignment, said Mueller was dissatisfied with her investigation of suspicions that China tried to recruit a spy against the United States.

The Times, citing anonymous officials, said few details were available and that the identity of the subject of the investigation was unknown. The newspaper said these officials did not say whether any spying had occurred.

The FBI declined to comment Wednesday about Horan or her future at the bureau. A person answering calls at her home referred calls to her office at FBI headquarters, where she could not be reached immediately.

An FBI spokesman, Bill Carter, said the director's decision was an administrative matter and that Horan would not speak with reporters.

The Times reported that she was expected to leave the FBI.

Horan took over as acting director of the national security division after the retirement of Neil Gallagher in November, who left the bureau after a tumultuous period.

The FBI's espionage division suffered a setback in February with veteran counterintelligence agent Robert Hanssen's arrest on spying charges. Hanssen pleaded guilty to spying for the Soviet Union, then Russia, over at least 15 years.

Gallagher was involved in the investigation of scientist Wen

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## City works on snow plan

By Will E. Sanders  
THE BG NEWS

John Houtz has worked with the Wood County Highway Garage for 11 years, and in an average winter he would typically be behind the steering wheel of a large snow plow a couple times a week. But this winter has been all but average.

"There just has not been anything to plow this year," he said. "We have only been out three days this year. Other years we were out two to three times a

week. It is very abnormal."

Halfway through winter, Wood County has reached all-time record highs and only three inches of snow this year. Last year at this time alone, the county had plowed over 24 inches of snow off of the 250 miles of county roadways and off of 500 bridges.

Three inches of snow is a low for the first half of winter when compared to how much it snowed last year. One cubic foot of snow weighs 12 pounds, and the width of a typical county

road is 16 feet across. That means that last year at this time, the snow that had already been plowed from county roadways weighed over 253,440 tons, the weight of two aircraft carriers. This dwarfs the amount of snow already plowed this year, which is 31,680 tons.

Despite the lack of snow, county maintenance workers are still at work and keeping busy. "This year has been a lot easier for us. It has allowed us to work on other road repair and maintenance," said Wood County engineer Tony Allion.

"These are things that we normally start working on in April."

As engineer of the county, Allion had a budget of \$6 million dollars to spend on road repair and maintenance last year. In a warm winter like this one, the county can use that money repairing more roads instead of paying the costs of snow removal. Since the metal plows scrape the pavement while plowing, it damages both the road and the plow, creating more damage that would need to be repaired later.

"Snow removal is a lot like sweeping. You have to do it, but when you don't need to, you save time," Allion said. "But in our case, we save money as well."

Though the county may be saving money from no snow removal, road maintenance workers are not. Though none of the 45 workers have been laid off, none of them are able to clock

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## FEAR OF STEROIDS

Whether used to bulk up or quickly shed pounds, steroids can have far-reaching and irreversible effects

By Karishma Anik  
THE BG NEWS

Steroids, which are commonly used by athletes to provide artificial muscle size by the increase of hormones in the body, can have devastating physical and psychological effects on the users.

Some of the most severe effects of steroids include cancer and liver and heart damage. The risks of using steroids far outweigh any of their few physical benefits.

The appeal of steroids to many athletes is that they provide a quick and easy way to bulk up, making them look bigger and stronger.

The problem with this, said head athletic trainer Bill Jones, is that athletes feel "mentally more aggressive." Athletes may have shorter tempers, finding themselves in more fights with more injuries.

During athletic practices and games, "Many players may have an increased chance of injury," Jones said.

Aaron Hillmann, one of the trainers at the University, said that steroids can be so devastating to the body because "they throw the body's natural hormones out of whack." Steroids can raise hormone levels dangerously high. Large amounts of testosterone in the body can negatively affect most of the vital organs.

Some other negative effects of steroids are that they may cause acne, enlargement of breast tissue, as well as atrophy of gonad size in men.

"In women, disruption of menstrual cycles may occur," Hillmann said.

The long-term risks of using steroids can cause an increased risk of cancer, heart attacks, kidney damage, strokes, infertility, and damage to the nervous system.

Many doctors recommend that people under the

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### Use can hinder activities

By Karishma Anik  
THE BG NEWS

Athletes wanting to perform better as well as people who just want to lose weight or have more energy during the day are now turning to energy and protein supplements as a solution.

Many energy enhancers are marketed to speed up the process of weight loss as well as the increase of energy. They also claim to provide quick and easy ways to increase muscle building, strength, and endurance.

Athletic trainer Aaron Hillmann said, "Protein supplements should only be used as a supplement to a regular diet."

Many energy

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## Soldiers petition withdrawal

Israeli soldiers use petition to call for withdrawal from some Palestinian locations

By Yoav Appel  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM - More than 80 Israeli reserve soldiers are refusing to serve in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, signing a petition they say is meant to force Israel to withdraw from Palestinian areas and remove Jewish settlers.

The petition, which had 52 signatures when it was published in Israeli newspapers Friday and 87 by Wednesday on a Web site run by the reservists, has prompted a sharp backlash and heated debate in Israel amid a wave of Palestinian militant attacks.



Associated Press Photo

**LEAVING:** Israeli soldiers carry their personal belongings after pulling out of the West Bank on Tuesday.

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## Series will teach about Alzheimer's

By Jennifer Bracken  
THE BG NEWS

Alzheimer's disease is an illness society experiences every day. The Arts and Sciences Forum Luncheon Series will be hosting Associate Professor Kevin Pang from the Department of Psychology to present a slide show on recent animal research that has been done to developing treatments for Alzheimer's disease.

"The series provides an opportunity for community members, faculty, staff, and students from across colleges and disciplines to come together monthly to hear about and discuss timely issues in scholarship, the arts, and public affairs," said Elizabeth Cole, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is also the coordinator of the Forum Series in the College.

The presentation will take

place on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. It will be held in 201A of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Before the lecture, there will be a lunch gathering at 12 p.m. Pizza, a salad buffet, and dessert will be available for \$6.95. Students may use their meal cards. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

"The purpose of this lecture is to describe the important influences that animal research has had in developing treatments for Alzheimer's disease," Pang said. "Also, (another purpose is) to present results from some of our own research that may help new treatments."

The following topics will be covered: impairments and brain changes that occur in Alzheimer's disease, development and use of animal models

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## Speaker discusses new therapy types

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of Alzheimer's disease, and the use of gene therapy in new treatments.

Pang feels it is important for people to attend the lecture "to learn about Alzheimer's disease and normal aging, what are current treatments and what future treatments might be around the corner."

"This is a disease that will very likely touch the lives of many of our students," Cole said. "Having first-hand experience with a mother who has this terrifying disease, I feel we all need to know what hope there is for solving the mystery of this disease and how it might be eradicated."

The research that will be pre-

sented is newer and more effective. Pang was assisted by Dr. Tom Swanson, Ryan Yoder, Danielle Bell, Dr. Romy Novera, and Adam Secor. Support was also provided by the National Institute of Health and Mrs. Dorothy Price.

To attend this event, students must make reservations by February 1. Contact the college office at 372-2340 or send an e-mail to Mary Hitt at [mjhitt@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:mjhitt@bgnet.bgsu.edu). Students, groups, and classes are encouraged to attend.

According to Cole, the next forum will be held March 21. The forum will feature author and University alumna, Terry Ryan. Ryan's best-selling novel has been featured on NPR, NBC's Sunday Morning, and CNN.

## Energy enhancers not without harm

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enhancers are unable to take the place of a healthy diet, and they should only be used in accordance with healthy eating.

Hillmann said that if an athlete eats a regular diet including "60% carbohydrates, 20% fats, and 20% protein, a supplement should not be needed."

The only time a supplement should be used is if there is a major deficiency in the diet.

As far as the effectiveness of protein supplements goes, athletic trainer Bill Jones said that the effect is mostly psychological. Many students have felt that protein supplements have helped them in their athletic performances, but they have experienced negative side effects as well.

Former hockey player and student Justin Horner used the energy enhancer Ripped Fuel before games and weight lifting.

"It gave me more energy to lift, and I used it before games because it increased my physical capabilities," he said. He added that he did not experience any negative side effects from the product.

Another student on campus, Chris Gregg, used the protein supplement Creatine, which helps the muscles regenerate after heavy exertion. He said, "I experienced cramps, and I couldn't run after a while."

Creatine is known to cause cramping, nausea, dehydration, and muscle strain.

Some of the more dangerous protein supplements such as Ephedrine and Androstenedione can dangerously affect the body. Many doctors have strongly advised against the use of Ephedra because it has been linked to many deaths. Androstenedione can mimic many of the effects of steroids, such as liver damage, heart disease, and violent mood swings.

There are now many foundations, such as the Healthy Competition Foundation, which have been dedicated to educate consumers about the dangers of many of these protein supplements. The foundation has been trying to reach out to younger athletes especially so that they do not endanger their health by trying new ways to increase their energy and muscles.

## FBI reassigns head of national security dept.

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Ho Lee. Government watchdogs accused Gallagher of misleading Congress about the investigation.

Gallagher told Senate committees in June 1999 that he had full confidence in an early Energy Department inquiry into the national weapons laboratory at Los Alamos, N.M., saying the investigation made a compelling case to focus on Lee. The Taiwan-born naturalized American was accused of

leaking nuclear secrets to China.

The General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, said the statement was misleading because the FBI's Albuquerque, N.M., office had expressed serious misgivings about the inquiry that Gallagher should have known about.

Gallagher told GAO investigators the mistake was inadvertent and said he did not intentionally mislead lawmakers.

## Mass-builders not to be used without concern

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ages of 18 should check with a doctor before ever trying any muscle-building substance.

Doctor Allan Korn of Blue Cross and Blue Shield said, "The dangers can be a lot greater

than people realize."

Younger people may also try to imitate their sports icons and attempt to bulk up to look like them without realizing the dangerous consequences that steroids can have.

## Problems between Israel and Palestine continue

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The aim is to attract the support of at least 500 reserve combat soldiers, said Amit Moshich, a spokesman for the group that organized the petition.

"The moment the resistance achieves critical mass there will be no choice but ... to end the occupation and evacuate the settlements," Moshich said. "We feel the occupation is corrupting the country we love."

Some 200 reserve officers from elite army units responded with a letter stressing their "strong reservations regarding the dangerous and undemocratic initiative of refusing to serve," the Maariv daily reported.

A popular columnist in the Yediot Ahronot daily, Nahum Barnea, called refusing to serve in the Palestinian territories "deplorable."

"Such actions poison the army internally ... and abandon it to those with a light trigger finger," he wrote.

Israeli troops have occupied the West Bank and the Gaza Strip since they captured the territories in the 1967 Mideast war. Israel has established nearly 150 Jewish settlements, and large numbers of soldiers are deployed to protect the more than 200,000 people living in them.

The Palestinians want the land for a future state.

The petitioners are reserve soldiers who serve in front-line units — the paratroopers, the infantry, and the armored and

artillery corps. They said they would carry out any mission in Israel's defense but that "the missions of occupation and oppression do not serve this purpose."

"We shall not continue to fight beyond the 1967 borders in order to dominate, expel, starve and humiliate an entire people," they said.

Yehoshua Mor-Yosef, a spokesman for Israel's Settler Council, branded the petitioners as "cowards who identify with the enemy."

While acknowledging that "differences of opinion are allowed," Israel's defense minister, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, chastised them for airing their views in public instead of to their military superiors, as army doctrine instructs.

The military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, said the reasons for the soldiers' refusal to serve must be investigated, but that "we must declare unequivocally that there is no place in the army for such occurrences."

Since the current Israeli-Palestinian violence broke out in September 2000, Israel has barred almost all Palestinians from entering Israel to work, previously a major source of income for the impoverished Palestinian population.

In an effort to halt Palestinian attacks, the army has erected checkpoints that often prevent or restrict Palestinian movement, including travel from one Palestinian town to another.

## Plows sit idle, waiting for serious snowstorm

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any overtime pay, which is normal this time of year because of the plowing.

However, the workers and the snow plows have been ready to attack the snow with plowing viscosity since the end of fall.

"The trucks are all ready when the first of December comes; it is just a matter of loading them up and attaching the plows," Allion said. "The plows can be put on in 10 minutes per vehicle, which is easy to do if we see a storm coming. We are always prepared for a storm and always looking out for them."

Snow, like all weather, is often times hard to predict, even for skilled meteorologists, so it is hard to predict how the second half of this winter will treat Wood County. But Allion has his on prediction.

"The winter is only half way over; there may be more snow," he said. "More likely than not, it will snow more. If it does snow though, rest assured, we will be ready."

So for now, the 16 snow plows sit silently, and 3,000 tons of salt sit out at the Wood County Highway Garage hungrily waiting for snow. The only question, perhaps, is for how long?

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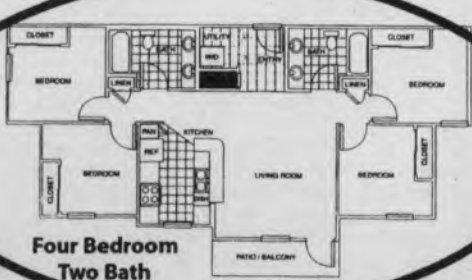
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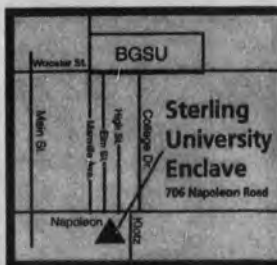
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## AUSTRALIAN STRIKE OVER

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - A two-week hunger strike by asylum seekers at a remote Outback detention center was declared over yesterday after government negotiators convinced detainees their refugee claims would be processed.



Associated Press Photo

**GRIEF:** Emmanuel Mokolo turns his head away as the body of his three-year-old son, Chinedu Makolo, is put in a coffin near the canal from which it was retrieved in Lagos, Nigeria.

## Nigerians bury family after depot explosion

By Glenn McKenzie  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LAGOS, Nigeria - Writhing in grief and singing mournful hymns, residents of Lagos buried loved ones Wednesday after explosions at an army munitions depot left at least 600 dead. The Red Cross said 1,000 others were still missing.

Nigerian Red Cross spokesman Patrick Bawa said 400 children had been reunited with their families. "We are still hoping to find those still missing," he said, stressing it was too early to say the death toll could rise.

Other residents of this crime and poverty-plagued West African metropolis spent a third day trekking to hospitals, police stations and morgues in search of missing loved ones.

The Defense Ministry has promised to move the depot from the crowded northern Ikeja neighborhood to avoid another tragedy, but an army spokesman said yesterday he was not aware of the plan.

The explosions, which began Sunday night and continued into the early hours of the morning Monday, propelled shells and

flaming debris for miles around.

Days later, the full scope of the tragedy remained unclear.

President Olusegun Obasanjo said Tuesday that more than 600 bodies had been recovered - many of them women and children who accidentally ran into a canal and drowned while fleeing in the darkness. But some local media estimated between 700 and 2,000 were killed.

Dozens of bodies continued to arrive at city morgues after Obasanjo's announcement, but officials did not have an updated death toll yesterday.

## Family members, looters arrive at site of Colombia crash

The bodies of the 92 people aboard TAME flight have not been recovered.

By Susannah A. Nesmith  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CUMBAL, Colombia - Army troops warded off looters who trekked yesterday to the site where an Ecuadorean airliner crashed into a remote volcano in the Colombian Andes and tried to hold back grieving relatives of the 92 people killed in the crash.

The Boeing 727-100 broke into pieces, most no more than 5-feet long, when it slammed into the fog-covered mountain-side on Monday and exploded. Authorities said there were no survivors, and few bodies have been found intact.

Family members began arriving at a base camp used by rescuers and investigators near 15,721-foot Nevado del Cumbal, but a cordon of troops tried to prevent them from making the three-to-four hour hike over slippery paths to the wreckage of the Ecuadorean TAME airliner.

"We've closed access because it's too dangerous for people to

be up in those mountains without equipment and without knowledge of the terrain," said Air Force Capt. William Hoyos.

Other soldiers at a checkpoint stopped everyone who descended the mountain who was not a rescuer and searched them for looted goods.

There was also evidence of looting at the wreckage.

"There are suitcases and personal effects in the area, but you can tell that someone has been through them," said Luis Eduardo Eraso, a firefighter.

Some family members, desperate to visit the spot where their loved ones perished, got past soldiers and tried to scale the windy volcano.

"We're going up to see if we can retrieve the body, or at least a part of the body. Maybe a document," said Orlando Pineres, a Colombian whose brother-in-law, Jose Medina of Mexico, was on the flight.

But some were turned back by cold, wet conditions.

"I tried as much as I could, but with a lot of pain, I had to turn back," said Andres Lopez, a doctor from Bogota whose brother Jaime Lopez had been aboard the plane.

He said his mother had suffered a heart attack after hearing

of the crash.

Authorities said the Ecuadorean airliner may have been off course in the fog as it approached Tulcan, a town on Ecuador's border with Colombia that was the flight's first destination. It originated in Quito, Ecuador's capital, and was then to have continued on to Cali, Colombia.

Ecuadorean military officials accompanied a team from TAME to the crash site yesterday to look for the black box, but came back empty-handed.

"We have to do this little by little because the conditions are dangerous for us," said Col. Jorge Valencia of the Ecuadorean army.

With helicopters still unable to reach the wreckage because of cloud cover and steep terrain, officials said the remains of the dead would have to be carried down by people and on horseback.

No bodies had been brought down by yesterday afternoon.

The plane was carrying 83 passengers, including seven children, and nine crew members, TAME said. In addition to Colombians and Ecuadoreans, there were two Spaniards, two Italians, a Mexican and a Cuban on the flight.

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## QUOTEUNQUOTE

"Evil is real and it must be opposed. Beyond all differences of race or creed, we are a country, mourning together and facing danger together."

President George W. Bush, in the State of the Union address on Tuesday night. Dozens of times, applause interrupted the President's 48 minute speech.

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## OPINION

## 'Dumb Monkey' no more after Sept. 11

Anything President George W. Bush says about terrorism, people listen and don't call him a "dumb monkey" anymore.

The president that was once made fun of because of his rather humorous speech impediment (think stra-tee-ga-ree) is now a bona-fide world leader that seems to have everything under control.

Since his inauguration last January and the election scandal

## YOU DECIDE

Did Sept. 11 give people a new perspective on President Bush?

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that preceded it, Bush has grown into his role as president, and the country has grown right along with him.

Not since FDR has a president

faced an attack on the country. The world held its collective breath on Sept. 11 to see how Bush would handle it. He surprised many by being a fearless leader in the wake of tragedy.

At Tuesday night's State of the Union address, President Bush spoke with poise and grace, with a captivated audience and his wife beaming from the balcony.

The State of the Union address showed the world a new George W. Bush, the Bush that has sepa-

rated himself from the Enron scandal to focus on the faltering economy, the new Bush that doesn't stumble over words in front of crowds, but stands up in Congress and makes the world pay attention.

The New Bush still uses old phrases like "evildoers" (the term of endearment that Bush gave to the terrorists, one of this staff's personal favorites) but there is a new meaning behind them, a new respect for leadership that

many people thought he was incapable of.

The biggest change with the "new and improved" Bush is that people actually believed the things he said instead of disregarding the address as the political lip service that it historically is.

President Bush also asked the people to consider what they could do for their country.

Bush challenged Americans to volunteer to help their neighbors and country, suggesting everyone

commit to two years or 4,000 hours of voluntary service over their lifetime.

In helping others, Bush said, "We can overcome evil with greater good. Our enemies send other people's children on missions of suicide and murder. They embrace tyranny and death as a cause and a creed," Bush said. "We stand for a different choice. We choose freedom and the dignity of every life."

What a difference a year makes.

## Free Tibet Movement finally sees results

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Sara Nordstrom  
Rutgers University

Jan. 20 was an important day in the movement to gain independence for Tibet. In a broader context, it was a powerful breath of hope for all caring activists who hope to end human suffering but are overwhelmed by the amount of change there is to affect. However, because the date was two days short of the start of the spring semester, The Daily Targum had the journalistic responsibility to run more current stories. The Rutgers community should be made aware of the event, though, as it marks a step forward in the movement to end human rights abuses and proves that dedicated advocates for social justice are being heard.

In Beijing on Jan. 20, China released a Tibetan music scholar from prison, a 34 year-old man named Ngawang Choephel who was in his seventh year of an 18 year sentence for charges of espionage and spreading counter-revolutionary propaganda. Choephel was released on medical parole after developing bronchitis and hepatitis. He is now in the United States receiving treatment for his illnesses, after which he plans to return to his mother and family living in exile in India.

Ngawang Choephel is a former Fulbright scholar and professor of musicology at Middlebury College in Vermont. He grew up in Tibet's exile community in India. He returned to Tibet in 1995 for the purpose of capturing traditional dance and music on film, only to be arrested and detained by Chinese officials. It wasn't until a year later that China announced that Choephel was to serve an 18-year prison sentence for spying.



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**HELLO, DALAI!** Tibetan spiritual leader The Dalai Lama, center, is escorted by an aide towards the Lilavati Hospital, complaining of abdominal pain and exhaustion.

He had been denied an open trial, and authorities had failed to produce evidence linking him with the crime of espionage. Human rights organizations throughout the world began to campaign for his release.

After China seized Tibet in 1950, it began a series of atrocities that included cultural genocide and severe oppression of the native Tibetan population. The Dalai Lama, political and spiritual leader of Tibet, fled the region and presently lives in exile in India, and residents of Tibet are prohibited from even carrying a picture of him, much less worshipping him. Tibetans must learn the Chinese language and way of life if they are to advance in education and employment; most face impoverished conditions otherwise. Dissidents are jailed, tortured and sometimes killed. Many human rights organizations have documented the extremely poor living conditions and torture that political prisoners face in Chinese jails. Choephel's release is thus significant because it testifies to the pressure being exerted by activists around the world.

Although it is said that Ngawang Choephel's release is

partly aimed at improving China's relations with the United States one month ahead of a scheduled visit by President Bush, officials of the United States Embassy in Beijing have acknowledged the influence of the multitude of letters addressed to Choephel from the United States Congress. These letters are the direct result of activists tirelessly writing their Congress members and other government officials in America and China on behalf of Choephel. There is still much work to be done, however, as it is documented that several other imprisoned dissidents suffer from chronic illnesses worsened by the horrendous conditions of Chinese jails. A young Tibetan Buddhist nun jailed for dissident activity (i.e. being a Buddhist nun) died just last February in Drapchi Prison of pancreatitis.

The government of China continues its human rights abuses in Tibet, as well as within its own country, but progress is being made thanks to the worldwide efforts of devoted activists. Those who wish to get involved and learn more about the Tibetan Freedom movement should attend the weekly meeting of Students for a Free Tibet.

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Should University athletes be allowed to take steroids to enhance performance?



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"Hell no!"



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"No, it's not fair to other athletes."



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**SAY A LITTLE PRAYER FOR YOU:** Cults use the Bible to lure people into their groups. Many people are brainwashed and forced to stay with the groups after they have joined.

## Why students are targets for cults

**AT ISSUE** College campuses are a breeding ground for cults, masking themselves as religious groups.



MY TWO CENTS  
Kurtis D. Kinzel

I know people that are in a cult. Well, they call it an organization, but in the real world we call them cults.

To not start a war on this campus, I won't mention the name of the "organization," but they do exist.

Recently, two people approached me outside West Hall and asked me if I wanted to study the Bible. I said no and they asked me again.

Then they get you to come to their meetings, if you don't, they harass you and make you feel guilty for not going.

At these meetings, they slowly brainwash you into believing their interpretations of the Bible. At some point, they may make you turn your back on your family and friends to become a full member of the "true family." They may start asking you for excess amounts of your money and time. At some point, you are completely sucked in.

I know better than to get sucked into something like that. Many students don't. Some people come to school not knowing anyone, and they strive to find belonging and have an identity, both criteria that cults provide.

Now, you may ask, why would the University and other schools allow these groups to exist?

Cults and their not so sinister counterparts, churches, are protected under the First Amendment, protecting not only their right to say anything, as blasphemous as it may be, along with their right to freedom of religion.

The government (and the school, since essentially they are one and the same) does not have the right to shut these groups down, but they are entitled to educate students not to get sucked in by them. This author is sure that the University has some literature regarding this, but who really reads that stuff anyway?

Getting back to the people that I know are in a cult, it's their choice. In fact, the one guy's parents are members, too.

Maybe, just like you see on "Dateline," these people will find a way to get out of these organizations.

My advice to you, dear readers (especially freshman, as you are still figuring out how the world turns here) is to stay away from anything that seems too good to be true.

It probably is. There are plenty of organizations (think shameless plug to get people to work at the News) to get involved in where you can meet new people and make new friends.

Kurtis is a strong anti-conformity advocate. To hear more on his worthwhile causes, email him at [bgnews\\_op\\_editor@excite.com](mailto:bgnews_op_editor@excite.com)

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## WINTER STORMS HIT U.S.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Airlines canceled flights, schools closed and road crews prepared for a busy night as a band of winter storms stretching from the Texas panhandle into New England rolled across the nation yesterday. Meteorologists predicted more than a foot of snow would fall before today in several states, including Kansas, Michigan and New York.

# Bush looks to trim college grant shortfall

By Greg Toppo  
AP EDUCATION WRITER

WASHINGTON — Looking for \$1.3 billion to pay for college grants, the Bush administration will ask Congress to scrap hundreds of small programs it considers unnecessary or ineffective.

Bush has suggested doing away with after-school programs, literacy and computer programs, theater and dance programs and construction projects on government property. Among the more unusual projects he wants Congress to trim is an education program at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

The effort, to be included in the president's 2003 budget that is released Monday, could set up a battle among lawmakers, who fight for such projects for their constituents.

Education Secretary Rod Paige told reporters Wednesday that hundreds of programs should be sacrificed, with the money going toward paying off a deficit in the 30-year-old Pell Grant program.

Because the program does not turn away eligible students, it has had to give out more than its budget allowed. The result is the \$1.3 billion shortfall Bush wants to eliminate. Savings from the programs he wants cut would erase the deficit.

For 2003, Bush is also expected to ask Congress to raise the

Pell Grant budget from \$10.3 billion to \$10.9 billion to accommodate an increasing number of applicants.

Eighty-five percent of Pell recipients come from families with incomes below \$30,000. The grant often pays a large share of a student's college expenses, but its purchasing power has dropped steadily over the past three decades.

Education Department officials at first offered few specifics of what they would like to see cut. Later, they provided a long list, including \$200,000 for "Rockin' the Schools," a program at the hall of fame.

On the hall's Web site, the program is described as a set of interdisciplinary workshops for students in grades 6 through 12 that offers "the opportunity to learn about the history, poetry, and culture of rock and roll music."

Terry Stewart, the museum's president, said the program has been taught to thousands of school children from Northeast Ohio over the past two years.

"Given that education is a significant part of our mission statement, we will be very disappointed if this program becomes a casualty of budget reduction," Stewart said.

The Pell program deficit grew because of an increase in the number of students entering college last year.

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## JACK FROST HAS ARRIVED

**SNOW DAY:** Above, Daniel Webb, 11, of Shawnee, Kan., takes advantage of a day off school to sled down an icy hill in a Kansas City, Kan. park yesterday. School districts over much of the Kansas City area canceled class as winter storm coated the area in an inch more of ice. Right, Andrew Cooper, 14, left, and his brother Chuck, 11, test out their ice skates as a thick coast of ice continues to form on the sidewalk of a street in Independence, Mo.

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# Student dies after giving birth

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) - A college student died after giving birth in a dormitory bathroom as other students came and went, telling those who asked that she was OK, school officials said Wednesday.

The full-term baby was in critical condition.

Karen Marie Hubbard, 19, was not breathing when a resident assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire found her in a bathroom stall Tuesday

night, said Charles Major, director of housing. She was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Paramedics found the baby girl when they removed Hubbard from the stall. The newborn weighed between 5 pounds and 7 pounds, Major said.

The cause of death was under investigation. But Eau Claire County Medical Examiner John Folstad said it is believed that Hubbard died of complications related to childbirth.

Major said Hubbard's roommate, a friend from high school, noticed Hubbard had gained some weight but did not know Hubbard was pregnant. The roommate said Hubbard herself may not have known herself, according to Major.

According to the roommate, whose name was not released, Hubbard thought she was suffering from flu symptoms and went into the bathroom.

"She even asked the roommate

to maybe even go get her some Pepto-Bismol," Major said. "The roommate kept going in and out, asking how she was doing, if she needed help, if she needed anything. Karen kept saying, 'No, I am not feeling good. I am OK.'"

Other students in the all-women dorm were coming and going in the bathroom, heard noises and asked Hubbard if she was OK, but she told them that she thought she was just sick, according to Major.

"It's a very tragic situation," he said. "We just wish that the girl could've cried out for help at some point in time. Maybe this could have been avoided."

Her mother, Carol Hubbard, had no comment when called at her home Wednesday.

Hubbard was a freshman pre-pharmacy major from Withee, a small town about 40 miles east of Eau Claire. She earned a high grade-point average in her first semester and was well-liked,

Major said.

At Owen-Withee High School, Hubbard was co-vice president in 2001. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, the math team, the Spanish Club, the school band and student council, and was an athlete.

"She was just a sweetheart. One of the nicest kids you would ever meet," said David Nelson, a guidance counselor. "She would be the person that you would say was definitely going to make it."

# Airport guards find explosive residue

By Karen Gaudette  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of passengers were evacuated yesterday from San Francisco International Airport after security guards detected explosive residue on the shoes of a man who then disappeared into the crowd.

A search of the United Airlines terminal failed to find the man, and 28 gates were closed for about two hours. The terminal was reopened mid-morning and passengers were rescreened, said airport spokesman Ron Wilson.

"This individual probably has no idea he was the cause of so much disruption this morning," Wilson said. "He is not a mad bomber or a terrorist."

The explosive material could be anything from fireworks residue to nitroglycerin tablets, airport officials said. The substance "is similar to a plastic explosive, but has the same signature in many respects as common fertilizer," Wilson said.

He said the man may have simply walked across a fertilized lawn earlier yesterday.

The residue was detected after a gauze-like material was wiped across the man's brown loafers, then put through a machine. It triggered an alarm during the random screening. While a guard checked with his supervisor, the man put on his shoes and walked away.

## WHAT HAPPENED

- San Francisco airport security guards found explosive residue on a man's shoes.

- Gates were closed for two hours.

- Residue came from fertilizer.

"When they went to stop him, he didn't stop," said Mike McCarron, another airport spokesman.

Airport officials say the man may have left on one of the two planes that departed after the alarm sounded.

The FBI interviewed the screener, an employee of Argenbright Security Inc., the nation's largest airport security company, which was replaced at Boston's Logan International Airport in December after being blamed for security breaches there on Sept. 11.

Evacuated passengers were forced to stand in the road in front of the terminal building on an unusually cold San Francisco morning, with temperatures in the 30s.

Eva Renninger, who was returning to Santa Barbara from Kauai, Hawaii, said a little inconvenience was worth the extra safety.

"There's no point panicking. I would rather be here than on the plane that blows up," she said while waiting to be rescreened.



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**WAITING:** Michael Wagner of San Anselmo, Calif., checks the time as he waits for the line to be rebooked and rescreened to shorten yesterday at San Francisco International Airport. Thousands of passengers were evacuated for more than two hours after security guards detected explosive residue on the shoes of a man who disappeared into the crowd.

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## Watch TV? I'd rather go to class



LISA  
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NOW editor

As I am writing this, the sleet is changing over to snow. Yuck. Since commuting from Toledo did not seem like a good idea this morning, I decided to stay home. While taking the time to eat a real breakfast, I learned something. While I am in class, I am not missing anything on TV.

That's right, not a thing. I always used to wonder what fine television programming I was missing. I decided to take a break from catching up on my reading. (I have to do something productive.) While flipping through the channels, I saw all kinds of shows that screamed, "Dude, this sucks." I can't stand soap operas, so I felt the need to go channel surfing. Unfortunately, I ended up going right back to my textbooks.

Case in point, talk shows. Each of them has its own formula. Maury Povich, for example, just kept giving stuff away to kids on this particular day. If he's not doing that, he is either sending little snot-nosed punks to boot camp or trying to figure out who is some baby's daddy. Yes, boot camps and paternity tests can be fun, but every other day? It gets a little stale.

Come on over to TLC and you have the kind of reality shows that are supposed to make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside. First there is "A Wedding Story." Nothing is more depressing to me as a single girl than watching starry-eyed lovers tying the knot. You have to wonder, just how many of these people will still be married five years from now?

On this day, "A Personal Story" just got way too personal. When the opening shot shows someone's fat being sucked out of them into a little tank (that's what liposuction looks like), that just makes me want to change the channel.

Even Food Network, my usual savior on bad TV nights, let me down. The daytime Emeril lacks the "bam" as his "Emeril Live" counterpart. Can this really be the same man? There is no "Naked Chef," not even an Iron Chef.

It's just the same boring shows until prime time.

The only thing that I am missing on TV is the music videos on MTV. If you have asked, "Where did the videos go," I have your answer. They are on during the day when most people I know are either working or in class. Great programming you got going on there, MTV. Why can't you move the garbage like "Dismissed" to that time?

I now have new reasons to go to class. I know that there is nothing on TV. I am probably going to get more out of my class than I am out of watching brats going to boot camp. For today, I will stick to looking out my window for some entertainment.

## ON THE MUSIC MENU



STORY BY NICK HURM

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MATT IVEY & ERICA MINIX

*Funk, folk, hip-hop with a dash of rock-country twang. How else can you describe Cake? Their unique style was hard for some music critics to swallow in their early beginning, but Cake, like their first big hit song, knows all about "Going the Distance." The band is celebrating its tenth anniversary together on the road. Currently, the band is right in the heart of their Comfort Eagle Tour, which will make its way to Cincinnati Monday night. The BG News had a chance to catch up with Cake trumpet player and back up vocalist Vincent DiFiore to talk about Bowling Green, their beloved cover songs and dancing to the beat of a blender making a smoothie.*

VINCE: Bowling Green ... Isn't that in Kentucky?

NH: Yeah, there's a Bowling Green, Kentucky. We just happen to live in the flatter, windier, less known Bowling Green, Ohio.

VINCE: It's really funny, because where I'm from in Sacramento, there are two streets named Bowling Green along with an elementary school. I think a lot of people in the midwest ended up making their way out to places like Sacramento, and they took the names with them.

NH: There's also a band named Bowling Green.

VINCE (laughing): Yeah, I think I've heard of them. What's with the name Bowling Green? Does it all have to do with Boccie ball or something?

NH: You've got me there, but Boccie ball sounds like a good start. I think there was a general during the Civil War under (Abraham) Lincoln named Bowling Green.

VINCE: What a strange name.

NH: I agree.

NH: After 10 years, a lot of groups have already made their way to VH1's "Where are They Now."

What has kept Cake going all these years?

VINCE: Perseverance. People always like guitar rock. We're not the super heavy guitar rock, but there's enough hooks on the guitar to really keep people's attention, combined with the lyrics of the songs. Somehow, by the skin of our teeth, we're still on the radio. I think we've always been an alternative to the alternative, I suppose.

NH: Alternative to the alternative?

VINCE: I don't even think there's an alternative category anymore; it's just called modern rock. We're just playing our style of music. I guess we're just still around because of luck and our willingness to keep on trying.

NH: There are a lot of other bands we can fit into the modern rock category that have been around awhile, like Beck and Radiohead. Over the years, they have changed style of music. Have you guys ever woken and decided with the band members: "Hey, let's be a boy band or let's tear up the techno charts?"

VINCE (laughing): No, we haven't thought about that. It's interesting, though, because we are looking for a new manager. We went to visit some new managers in Los Angeles, and one of the guys was saying, "I see you in a cowboy hat."

There was a moment during our career where we did put on some cowboy clothes. It was something that we wanted to do to bring attention to ourselves. It never stuck, though. We appreciate

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the T-shirt ethic. We're one of those bands that will just go up in a T-shirt and jeans, and I think we'll probably stick to that.

NH: "Sheep go to Heaven, Goats go to Hell." "Short Skirt, Long Jacket." When John writes these songs, do you ever scratch your head the first time you see them?

VINCE: John will rarely explain a song to someone. He'd rather just put the words out there and let people figure them out themselves.

His lyrics have become less vague over time. There were songs I enjoy that I never understood the meaning of. I just liked how the words sounded together.

NH: So how's the tour been so far?

VINCE: It's a little bit more satisfying this time with the relationship with our fans. On the other tours, I was surprised that there were people out there. Now that there are people at our shows, I feel really appreciative. It makes me realize how special this is.

NH: Your songs have some funky beats to them. Is it interesting watching white boys with no rhythm like me dance to your music?

VINCE: If people want to dance to anything, they can. You can dance to a blender making a smoothie. We have souped-up, funky kind of songs. Maybe line dancing would be the easiest thing to do for our song. It would be hard to organize a line-dance at a concert.

NH: I'd like to see that.

VINCE: So would I.

NH: You guys have done some pretty popular covers over the years, the most famous being Gloria Gainer's "I Will Survive." Are there any more you guys are working on?

VINCE: During rehearsal, we always wind up doing a Bad Company or ACDC song. We've done our own version of Ohio Player's "Fire." We'll see if one of the songs makes it on our next album.

NH: We hear your songs on the radio, but they're not on every other song like many overplayed groups today. Do you consider that a good thing?

VINCE: Maybe it's a benefit that we're not more successful than we are. We're not burning anyone out. It's a love-hate relationship with the radio. You want them to play your songs, but you don't want them to strangle the listeners with it. Radio stations are like a big party. If your songs fit into their party, then they will use them. Once the party is over, then it's over.

## 'A Walk to Remember' is cute, if nothing else

Based on Nicholas Sparks' book of the same name, A Walk to Remember is the tear-jerker that the book is, although the movie deviates from some of the book's basic elements.

Mandy Moore and Shane West star in the movie that follows the friendship and romance of Jamie Sullivan and Landon Carter, high school seniors in North Carolina. Landon, the son of divorced parents, belongs to the popular crowd. Jamie, on the other hand, is the plain daughter of a widowed Baptist minister

who does not belong.

Jamie and Landon have gone to school together all their lives but do not really speak to one another until Landon is forced to join the spring play. As Jamie helps him with his lines, the two grow closer, but Landon does not allow himself to get too close because of his friends. However, Landon's feelings get the best of him when he sees Jamie onstage.

Moore somehow pulls off being the unattractive, unpopular girl in school. She comes off as one of the nicest people

in the world, as Sparks describes in the book. However, Moore adds an edge to the character that makes Jamie a more believable person for present day (the book took place in the 1950s).

West has the good looks of the popular guy in high school and the aura that he is untouchable necessary for the character of Landon. His performance, though, makes it difficult to see the growing friendship between Landon and Jamie until the movie is halfway through.

The movie lacks the general sense of

intimacy that the book has, especially between Landon and Jamie. However, the relationship between Jamie, her father and her deceased mother is also ignored, which may confuse an audience member who has not read the book.

Overall, though, the movie tries to do Sparks' book justice. Some of the more intimate moments were left out, but Moore and West are able to bring the story together.

Grade: B-

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### EchoBrain

After recently leaving Metallica, Jason Newstead joined up with a pair of young musicians living on the west coast, Brian Sagrafena and Dylan Donkin. The two bands share a base player and the English language.

The similarities pretty much end right there. Metallica fans looking for a quick fix of an old favorite should just keep right on looking.

This new CD is not only unlike Metallica; it is pretty much a genre unto itself.

The sound is upbeat, not too far off of British pop, but that does not quite encompass what it is. The three musicians form a rich, complex sound with remarkable skill for instruments and vocals.

It is a truly unique album, and that is the best way to describe it. There are few good ways to describe the sound. Radiohead meets Soundgarden might be a start, but not much of one.

Some of the songs have a rich, haunting sound, layered and even confusing. Others are just simple, stripped down rock.

All of the songs are approached with skill, talent, and often a sense of humor, and the result is impressive.

Do not get this album for a quick Metallica fix; just get this album.

This is something new, and it is good and that is rare, so it is worth buying when it hits the shelves in March.

Grade: A

-David W. Storie

### Concrete Blonde Group Therapy

The return of Concrete Blonde after an extended hiatus was an unexpected bit of happiness. 1989's *Free* is a masterpiece of college rock dredging through the artful dismay that is vocalist, bassist, and chief songwriter Johnette Napolitano's

muse. Follow-up *Bloodletting* was a triumphantly dark and eerie trip through New Orleans' seedier side replete with vampires and angst. Walking in London and Mexican Moon didn't quite match up to the previous brilliances (or sales), and the band members went their separate ways.

Now, *Group Therapy* revisits the familiar Concrete Blonde sound skillfully yet lacks the emotional desperation or urgency of my earlier favorites. The strengths of the band are certainly pushed to the forefront here. Johnette's breathy, impassioned vocals spin tales of nostalgia, desperation and not-so-happily-ever-after relationships. Complementing her is the understated yet effective guitar work of Jim Mankey. His blend of rock distortion and a smooth, subtle western ghost town haunt creates one of the most expressive tones I've heard.

This combination helps make fairly pedestrian songs better than they probably are. "Fried" and "Valentine" are among songs that just mosey along without distinct aim or direction. "Your Llorona" formulaically revisits prior hit "Mexican Moon" without much more. Still, the talents of the band diminish the flaws and make them acceptable. When the music and lyrics take on a Bukowskian essence as "Take Me Home" and the low-fi "Memory" do so very well, Concrete Blonde are at their best.

As a whole, this record doesn't vary enough in terms of tempo to constitute a career highpoint, but Concrete Blonde are still artists worth giving some time to. *Group Therapy* is not a bad record and is worth hearing. At a minimum, at least go out and find a copy of *Free* or *Bloodletting* because they're too good to miss.

Grade: B

-Brad Klypchak

### Various Artists MTV2 Handpicked

With the lack of new releases on the store shelves, compilations are looking pretty good right now for those in need of some new music.

This week, the folks at MTV2 try their hands at making a glorified mix tape for the masses with *Handpicked*.

For the most part, it is a pretty good collection. The track listing reads like an Indie all-star list. There is Travis and their single "Sing." Ryan Adams is there too with "New York, New York" along with favorites Tenacious D ("Wonderboy").

There are other tracks that are just as good, even if the artists in question don't get the mass attention. Remy Zero's "Save Me," which also serves as the theme to "Smallville," is a nice addition.

Dave Navarro proves that he is a more than capable singer with "Rexall." The hip-hop flavored "The Life" by Mystic is a nice break from the alt-rock parade.

Of course, as with any compilation, there are those tracks that are skip-worthy. The most skip-worthy of them all is Radiohead, their live version of "Idiotique" is plain awful.

Radiohead fans might disagree, but the band has completely gone off the deep end. Creativity is good, if you like to listen to incoherent, incomprehensible whining and sounds.

Stereomud's "Pain" with its screeching guitars is OK, but it looks like the producers behind the CD put this track on just so that they would not be accused of sticking to one genre. However, that is exactly what they do here.

Grade: B

-Lisa Bettinger

### Bolt Thrower Honour, Valour, Pride

My last visit with Bolt Thrower was, yeah, back in

1995. Since my ears had yet to be softened to the belched rumble that constitutes death metal vocals, I quickly dismissed *For Victory* as unlistenable crap.

Thanks to a couple of death metal shows and a heightened appreciation of the death/black/grindcore genres, I softened my attitude, allowing my return to Bolt Thrower to be a pleasant surprise. Still not an album for most mainstream metal fans, *Honour, Valour, Pride* (they're British, hence the extra u's) presents an entertaining dose of bludgeoning noise for the hardcore extreme metal fan.

Considering Bolt Thrower's reputation as grindcore innovators, *Honour* shows a pretty wide range of song construction. There's loads of the standard double-bass blur and quick-picked, half-stepped, power chords to be sure. Yet, the band slows it down every so often and shows some Sabbath-esque riffery on tracks like "Inside the Wire" and "7th Offensive."

To the (less) extreme end (and the band might cringe at hearing this), there's almost a hint of Seattle sound on "Honour" as the verse guitar riff and tone might as well come from a Soundgarden record. Granted, new throat Dave Ingram (ex-Benediction) couldn't metaphorically hit Chris Cornell with a twenty-foot larynx, and that alone sounds the death knell for the Thrower's mainstream album sales. The singular lyrical focus on war certainly doesn't help either.

Even so, when Bolt Thrower does kick it into high gear, they succeed. For someone who still straddles the fence between liking and detesting death metal, I found myself buying into this disc. As an occasional listener, I might only listen to it a few times a year, but it's good enough to listen to. Hardcore fans should really enjoy.

Grade: B

-Brad Klypchak

## 'Monte Cristo' not as smart as it could be

By Johnny Donaldson  
MASS. DAILY COLLEGIAN

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. - It's hard to imagine there was a pressing need to do another cinematic version of *The Count of Monte Cristo*, especially one that doesn't attempt any kind of radical reinvention of the material. Alexandre Dumas' classic tale of revenge and innocence lost has been given the theatrical treatment at least four times, has been the subject of countless TV and stage productions, and now gets lavish new screen treatment in a serviceable, well-mounted movie fit for a Saturday matinee.

The director, Kevin Reynolds, is a vivid action director, but his career has washed up on the shoals of red flag moviemaking ever since directing those twin Kevin Costner thudders *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* and *Waterworld*. But Reynolds has an ability to stage a deft sword-fight, and his Dumas-inspired swashbuckler isn't an embarrassment, unlike last fall's Peter Hyams-directed *The Musketeer*.

Edmond Dantes (Jim Caviezel) is an earnest youth with a perfect life: the son of a poor merchant, he's been promoted from second mate to captain, has the love of the beautiful Mercedes (Dagmara Dominczyk) and is friends with Fernand Mondego (Guy Pearce), the son of a count. On a side trip to the Italian island of Elba, Edmond meets the exiled Napoleon, who asks the young man to deliver a personal letter. Back in Marseilles, Edmond is accused of treason by a jealous Mondego, arrested, and sent by the prosecutor Villefort (James Frain) to the prison island of Chateau D'If. His family is told he has been executed.

For years, Edmond is left to rot in jail, plotting revenge and suffering annual floggings at the hands of the warden (Michael Wincott). Then, one day the Abbe Faria (Richard Harris, basically redoing his wizardly role from *Harry Potter*,

only without magic) literally crawls out from the floor.

The old priest was attempting an escape but burrowed in the wrong direction, and he now offers Edmond a deal: he will teach the young men how to be a gentleman, a scholar and a fighter if Edmond helps the old man to escape. In addition, Faria will give Edmond a map to a legendary treasure. Edmond does escape, joins forces with the pirate Jacopo (Luis Dumas, providing the comic relief), whose life Edmond saves, and finds the treasure. The final act has Edmond reinventing himself as the dashing Count of Monte Cristo, using his new identity to seek his revenge. And death is too good for those who did him wrong.

An entertainingly old-fashioned adventure, *The Count of Monte Cristo* lives by its acting and stunt work. Caviezel, with his hauntingly piercing blue eyes, is a good fit for Dantes. He doesn't sleepwalk as he did in *Angel Eyes*, instead taking Edmond from callow young man to cynical avenger with nary a missed beat. Pearce is more mincing than intimidating as Mondego, but Pearce has gleeful fun with the role (it's a complete 180 from his subdued turn in *Memento*). Guzman steals the show whenever he gets to crack a joke.

The role of Mercedes is lackluster, and directors almost always cast beautiful but vapid girls in these kinds of roles, even if the girls can barely carry a slasher film. Dominczyk certainly seems to be on par with the course (she's beautiful, she's unknown...), but she's actually quite good as Mercedes, even if she can't give the role the kind of import necessary to give the character a full body.

It was smart to make Mondego Edmond's childhood friend, giving the character a shade of complexity. What wasn't smart was to allow some blissfully camp moments to seep through.

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## 'Slackers' scam way through school, love

By Christy Lemire  
AP WRITER

So much is wrong with the moronic college comedy "Slackers," it's hard to know where to begin. So let's just start with the title.

What the characters do is far from slacking — unlike the 1991 Richard Linklater movie "Slacker," in which the characters really do slack.

Here, three friends lie, cheat and steal to avoid essays, tests and anything else that requires work. But their schemes — which include hacking into the school's power system and stealing blue books from a delivery van — are so elaborate and labor-intensive, it probably would have been easier just to study.

It also would have been easier to care whether Dave (Devon Sawa), Sam (Jason Segel) and Jeff (Michael C. Maronna) pull off their latest scheme if they weren't so two-dimensional. They are singularly driven to undermine the system, which grows tiresome almost immediately.

But when geeky Ethan (Jason Schwartzman) catches them cheating during an exam and threatens to turn them in if they don't help him snag his dream girl, Angela (James King), it merely leads to a stagnant series of gratuitously gross and painfully unfunny sexual jokes.

An agonizing scene involving '50s bombshell Mamie Van Doren baring her breasts in a



Associated Press Photo

Jeff (Michael C. Maronna), Dave (Devon Sawa) and Sam (Jason Segel) are three roommates that have proudly scammed their way through the last four years of college in Dewey Nick's "Slackers".

hospital bed and demanding a sponge bath has such a kitschy weirdness and falls so flat, it feels like something John Waters would have concocted.

Dewey Nicks, a fashion photographer directing his first feature film, strings together a series of sketches with virtually no coherence or consistent tone. Nicks and screenwriter David H. Steinberg, who co-wrote "American Pie 2," want us to laugh at jokes about sex toys and bodily functions, then feel warm and fuzzy about the blossoming romance between Angela and Dave.

The Ethan character, who's central to the movie's plot, is the

weakest part of all. He's so psychotically obsessed with Angela, it's impossible to muster any sympathy for him. The shrine in his dorm room — complete with Angela's underpants, which he wears on his head, and a doll he made from strands of her long, blond hair — is played for laughs.

But later, he rants about loving and hating her at the same time, and wanting to work out his emotions by locking himself in a room with her. That's not funny — it's violent and frightening.

It's also disappointing. "Slackers" is Schwartzman's first movie to appear in theaters since 1998's "Rushmore," the Wes

Anderson cult favorite. Ethan is a sort of magnified version of Schwartzman's "Rushmore" character, Max Fisher, in his obsessive quest to get the girl; the only problem is, it's impossible to connect with him.

As the trio's leader, Sawa is sporadically charming in a smarmy kind of way. But Maronna was funnier (and had better material) as red-haired office clerk Stuart in the TV commercials for Ameritrade. At least in those, he played a legitimate — and likable — slacker.

"Slackers," a Screen Gems release, is rated R for strong language, sexual content, and brief drug use.

## Plight of alcoholic in McFadden's latest

By Jamie Landau  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

(U-WIRE) NASHVILLE, Tenn. — From Blackboard award-winning author Bernice L. McFadden comes her second novel, "The Warmest December" (Plume, \$13), a story set behind the closed doors of a family's struggle with alcoholism and physical abuse.

McFadden's national best-seller debut novel, "Sugar," hailed by critics as "a tragic and engaging story of redemption and forgiveness," won the 2001 Honor Award in Fiction from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

With "The Warmest December," McFadden once again presents a novel about human suffering and the challenge to both accept and forgive.

"Both of my parents lived life from the bottom of a bottle," claims Kenzie Lowe, McFadden's narrator and protagonist of "The Warmest December."

Kenzie is a controversial protagonist because, like her alcoholic father and mother, she also grapples and must come to terms with the destructive disease.

As her father, Hyman (nicknamed Hy-Lo), is semi-conscious on his deathbed with what is most likely cirrhosis of the liver, Kenzie visits him in the hospital every day for six months, frequently flashing back to her tumultuous childhood days of tasting her first teaspoon of whiskey at age five and buying Smirnoff for Hy-Lo at age 10.

A tale of one's too-early loss of innocence, Kenzie speaks of her life before age five -- before alcohol -- as a playground of naivete; "At that age life just was ... the only thing you would have to count were the hours before the sun rose again, allowing you to lose yourself in the happy world of Crayola, cartoons and blue Italian ice."

If growing up in an alcoholic household with a father who

makes her and her older brother, Malcolm, pick which belt they want him to use to beat them was not bad enough, Kenzie also faces the day-in-and-day-out dangers of living in the Eastman Projects of Queens.

No wonder Kenzie wishes Hy-Lo dead on countless occasions and blames her own adult life troubles (i.e. mandatory Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, lack of love life and steady job, etc.) on her father.

In the end, it does not take Hy-Lo's death to cure Kenzie, but instead a new understanding of Hy-Lo's youth as the son of a mother who only knew how to hurt and not hug.

As Hy-Lo takes in his last breath, Kenzie leans toward him and says, "I know why you were who you were. It's the same reason why I am who I am."

Like Susan Cheever's acclaimed autobiography as an alcoholic, "Note Found in a Bottle," McFadden's story about the omnipresence of this poisonous substance is very disturbing, if not just plain heartbreaking.

Her voice is both descriptive and blunt, weaving the reader with her literary talent into the life of bruised and battered Kenzie Lowe.

Frighteningly resembling a real-life friend or family member of the reader, McFadden's characters are poignant and strong, although at times need a bit more depth for long-lasting character-reader connection.

But that is not to say that Kenzie and her distillery-like odor at a job interview or her nights in the bulb-less hallway of her ghetto apartment building, where she thanks God for the moonlight, are not aesthetically-written, complex scenes.

At only 239 pages, maybe McFadden kept her novel concise to make the readers continue her story by themselves.

After all, it was Kenzie's "Warmest December."

## Good scares, poor plot haunt 'Mothman'

David W. Storie  
ARTS AND LIFE WRITER

"The Mothman Prophecies" opens to Richard Gere living the perfect life with a beautiful wife. It is best not to get terribly attached to any of these. Minutes into the movie, she is dead. She becomes little more than a plot device for the rest of the movie. Debra Messing spends the rest of the film as a photograph carried around by an increasingly distraught Gere. It is a waste of her talent, as her role could have been played by a cardboard cutout, though she does well with it.

After she dies of a remarkably rare form of cancer, the movie

jumps ahead two years to Gere stumbling into the middle of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. This is the point where the movie actually begins.

It seems that the populace of Point Pleasant is plagued by the sighting of some mysterious entity that is at times a flash of light, a Gere impostor, two glowing eyes and countless other forms, none of which ever makes it onto the screen. If at some point the creature had made itself seen, it would have added more than a little to the film.

The thriller angle of this picture is that the Mothman starts telling people over the phone and through dreams of disasters

soon to pass. The warnings are cryptic and useless, so those receiving the warnings only sit in terror waiting for whatever is going to happen.

In the midst of swooping, vertigo-inspiring camera work and eerie music, a plot does develop. While the film never quite details what the Mothman is, it seems to be some form of harbinger or dark omen.

Whatever it is, if it is around, ill fortune is not far away.

If all this sounds melodramatic, there is good reason. The movie is a bit over the top with both cinematography and sound, milking every bit of atmosphere out of the script and

then going just a little further.

All told, it is a good film with some truly frightening moments, including a few that drew gasps from the entire theater. If you are into a nicely done film that just might get you to check the closet before you go to sleep, this will do the job quite well.

"The Mothman Prophecies" is now showing at the Clazell in downtown BG.

Grade: B

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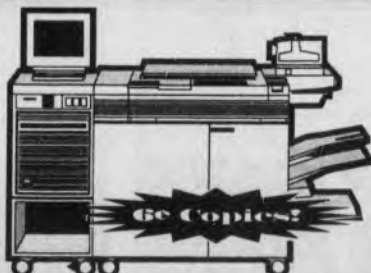
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### Akron 74 Ohio 73

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) - Darryl Peterson's two free throws with 2.3 seconds remaining gave Akron a 74-73 victory Wednesday night over Ohio.

Peterson, a freshman, and Rashon Brown each scored 27 points for the Zips (7-13 overall, 3-6 conference), who won their third straight Mid-American Conference game after losing six in a row.

## Prospects look like future BG stars

KEVIN  
LIBSTER

Guest Columnist

The Bowling Green senior class of Brent Klassen, Len Matela, Keith McLeod and Brandon Pardon have been an intricate part of the Falcon's 14-4 start.

Who will compensate for their loss when they graduate, though? BG has a talented group of underclassmen, and they will get two more to add to their collection for next year.

Recently, I watched BG recruits Ronald Lewis and Raheem Moss lead undefeated Columbus Brookhaven past Midwest City Oklahoma. Midwest City Oklahoma was ranked by USA Today as the 17th best team in the country.

Lewis, a 6' 4" guard, and Moss, a 6' 3" guard, are the only senior starters for Brookhaven. They are currently 15-0, ranked 19th in the country in the USA Today poll.

Lewis and Moss are both extremely athletic and have promising potential. I have seen several other high school basketball players who have signed with Ohio State or another large college program that are not even in the same class as Lewis or Moss.

Lewis is Brookhaven's leading scorer, averaging 18 points a game. He shoots 75 percent from the foul line and 60 percent from the field while averaging boards a game. He may be at the top of his game right now for Brookhaven, but Lewis knows he has a long way to go before he steps onto the Anderson Arena court.

"I'm going to have to work in the weight room this summer to be strong enough for the MAC Conference next season," Lewis said.

Moss is more of a point guard, averaging six assists a game and shooting 56 percent from the floor. With his bigger frame, Moss is able to post-up on smaller guards and get points in the paint.

"My biggest transition will be keeping up with my academics while playing basketball at the same time," Moss said. "My main goal is to get a good education, and that's what my main focus will be on."

Both player were recruited by strong basketball programs. Lewis generated interest across the country, including Seaton Hall and New Mexico. Moss was getting letters from in-state powerhouses Cincinnati and Xavier. Both chose BG, though, mainly based on two reasons: Anderson Arena's atmosphere and Falcon coach Dan Dakich.

"I like how Coach Dakich has that Bobby Knight mentality," Moss said. "He is hard on his players on the court and in the classroom. Ronald and I need that."

"We went up to the Michigan game and saw how great the crowd was and thought how great it would be to play here," Lewis said. "Everyone also seemed real nice and close together. They seemed like a good group of people."

Both players will pack their bags and head to BG in July to get an early start on their grades and basketball.

"I like the pressure of coming to a good program and having to help fill the shoes of four starting players," Lewis said. "I hope we can continue some of the success that Bowling Green has had in years past."



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## Back in old form

By Nick Hurm  
THE BG NEWS

How important was Bowling Green's 78-66 win on the road over Western Michigan last night?

"We needed this win like we needed air," BG coach Dan Dakich said. "Hats off to our kids. I like the way we hung in and battled."

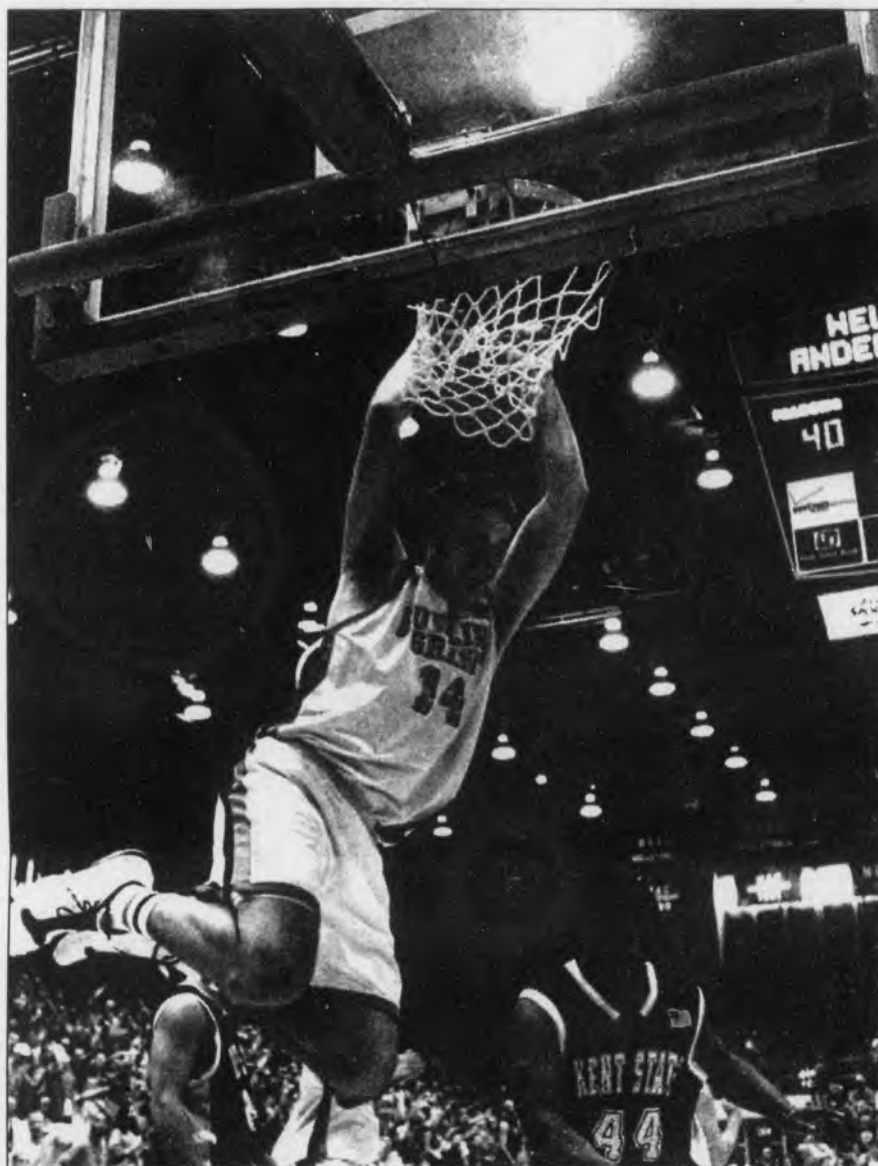
Keith McLeod led the Falcons with 30 points and 10 rebounds as BG improved to 15-4 overall and 5-3 in the Mid-American Conference. With Akron's triumph over Ohio last night, the Falcons are now tied with Miami and only a half game out of second place behind Ohio (6-3). Kent State still is atop the Eastern Division at 8-1.

The Falcons went into Kalamazoo riding their first losing streak of the season. The losing hangover continued early on as BG got off to a slow start, watching the Broncos take an early 8-4 lead. BG captured its first lead at 9-8 and quickly built it up to an 11 point advantage at 36-25. BG guard Brandon Pardon's buzzer-beating 3 point shot gave the Falcons a 42-31 advantage at halftime. Pardon scored 11 of his 17 points in the first half. He also dished out a team high, seven assists.

One of the unsung heroes of the game was sophomore guard Jabari Mattox, who gave a solid defensive effort and got a couple of key steals for the Falcons off the bench.

"Jabari did a super job," Dakich said. "I like the way he got after things."

BG continued to build its lead up to 20 points with just under 11 minutes left in the second half at 63-43. An 11-0



Chris Schooler BG News

**A NEW WEEK:** Senior Len Matela throws down a two-handed jam in the Falcons loss to Kent State last Saturday. BG rebounded last night with their fifth conference win of the season by beating Western Michigan on the road. The Falcons will play Miami Saturday at Anderson Arena.

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## Toledo toasts timid Falcons

By Joel Hammond and  
Jason A. Dixon  
THE BG NEWS

TOLEDO — It took them a few minutes, but when the Toledo Rockets finally blasted off, they did so quite emphatically.

Hot UT shooting and early BG foul trouble resulted in a 13-0 run four minutes into the game, dooming BG in an 82-51 loss to their arch rival.

BG (6-14, 3-6) took a 7-4 lead on a Lindsay Austin drive-and-score, but two Teresa Kahle jumpers, four Melantha Herron free throws, and two Tia Davis jumpers later, Toledo held a 17-7 lead.

BG fought right back, however, and after a three by Megan Jerome and another by Dana Schuka, BG was back within six points. After a back and forth battle throughout the rest of the first half, an Austin three-point play cut the lead to five at half-time, 30-25.

"We were fortunate to be in the first half," BG coach Curt Miller said. "We went on a 10-3 run to end the half to keep it respectable. That's been the story of our season. We were fortunate because they missed some easy shots in the first half and still shot over 40 percent from the field."

Toledo (12-7, 7-1) opened their lead back to 10 after a Courtney Risinger three and another Davis basket. After another Austin jumper, Risinger drained another three to up the Rocket lead to 11 at 38-27. Pam

*"Obviously Toledo has a lot of weapons ... we were outmatched, outthustled, outtalented, and outphysicaled against a very very good team."*

CURT MILLER, BG COACH

Brown then hit a shot from the top of the key, but Davis answered with a three to give her team their biggest lead of the game at 12 points.

BG sophomore Stephanie Wenzel then drove baseline on her team's next trip down, and after trading baskets, Toledo put the Falcons away for good with a 10-0 run to make the lead 53-34.

"Obviously Toledo has a lot of weapons," Miller said. "When their big three of (Courtney) Risinger, (Teresa) Kahle and (Melantha) Herron play well, and Tia Davis also has a big game, that's just too much to handle. Out was the word of the night. We were definitely outmatched, outthustled, outtalented, and outphysicaled against a very, very good team."

The last 10 minutes of the game were a mere formality for the Rockets, as they closed out the game by outscoring BG 29-17.

Davis led all scorers with a career-tying 21 points, while



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**TROUNCED:** After coming on strong the first half, BG guard Kim Griech and the Falcons were outscored 52-26 by Toledo.

Risinger, who hit all four of her three-point attempts, scored 16. Herron chipped in 13 for the Rockets. Kahle had 12.

"We tried to force Risinger to put it on the floor," Miller said. "She is one of, if not the best, stand-and-catch shooters in the league, and we could not find her in the second half."

Austin led the Falcons with 13 points, while Wenzel chipped in with 12. Austin also grabbed a team-high five rebounds.

"Toledo definitely challenged Lindsay tonight," Miller said. "They challenged her to make outside shots, and when she didn't, that shut her down penetration. When our opponents don't come off of Lindsay, and our shooters can't get clean looks, it's hard for Wenzel and (Kim)

Griech to shoot the ball."

Toledo shot the lights out in the second half, enabling them to make their runs and run away with the game. The Rockets shot 64 percent in the second half, and 54 percent for the game. BG could only muster 39 percent from the field in the second stanza, including a paltry 17 percent from behind the three-point arc.

BG also turned the ball over 27 times, compared to just seven assists.

"Normally we can pass and catch the ball," said Miller. "We just didn't protect the ball well, and while they pressured us into some of our turnovers, we did a lot of that on our own."

The Falcons next travel to Buffalo to take on the Bulls on Saturday at 7 p.m.

## Falcon coaching great is new AD

By Dan Nield  
THE BG NEWS

The man who made Bowling Green a hockey school is now in charge of intercollegiate athletics at one of the biggest schools in the nation.

Ron Mason, the winningest coach in college hockey history with 916 wins, will step down as MSU's hockey coach after this season to take over as athletic director, replacing outgoing AD Clarence Underwood. The move is pending the likely approval of the MSU board of trustees.

Mason led Bowling Green from the 1973-74 season to the

1978-79 season after which he moved on to MSU. While he was the second coach in the program, Mason

boosted the Falcons into the limelight of college hockey with a 160-63-6 record in his seven year stay. He led Bowling Green to three Central Collegiate Hockey Association Championships and never finished lower than third in the conference. He also led the Falcons to three NCAA tournaments, including its first in the 1976-77 season.

Prior to his days at Bowling Green, Mason had similar success coaching Lake Superior State to a 129-47-8 record over six seasons.

"We were looking for an AD, and we got a legend," said MSU president Peter McPherson while introducing Mason at a press conference Tuesday.

In his 23 seasons as Michigan State coach Mason has had only three losing seasons while winning a national championship in 1986. He has won over 600 games with the Spartans and led them to the NCAA's frozen four seven times.

In his career, Mason has been to the NCAA tournament a record 21 times, a number that should improve to 22 since his current CCHA leading Spartans are a lock for the 12 team tournament.

"(The CCHA will lose) one of the all time greatest college hockey coaches," said current Bowling Green coach Buddy Powers. "No ifs ands or buts about it."

Mason said giving up coaching was a dilemma.

"It was a difficult decision to give up coaching," he said at the news conference. "It will always be a major part of my life."

Mason's departure leaves the MSU coaching position, one of the most coveted jobs in college hockey, vacant. Rumors are already buzzing that the job could go to former Wisconsin coach Jeff Saur, current No. 1 Denver coach George Gwozdecky, or former Lake Superior State coach Jeff Jackson. However many believe that Mason will hire within the program and promote his top assistant Tom Newton.

### Icers injury list grows

Bowling Green's injury list is getting longer and longer. Already missing key forwards Austin de Luis (back) and Colen Pappas (ribs) and back-up goalie Jordan Sigale (Concussion) in last weekend's split at Michigan, defenseman Marc Barlow missed practice Tuesday with back spasms. He's questionable for this weekend's home series against Western Michigan.



## Miami up next for men's team

ROAD WIN, FROM PAGE 10

run by the Broncos brought back lapses of two years ago for Dakich.

"We were up 20 on this court two years ago, and we went into halftime up 15," Dakich said. "We ended up losing that game by nine. It looked like it might happen again."

Western got right back into the game with a couple of key buckets by Broncos freshman Ben Reed, who had a team high 23

points. Western cut the score to 63-54 before the Falcons got a couple of three-pointers from McLeod and junior Cory Ryan. BG shot 49 percent on the night and was 8-15 behind the arc. The Falcons also outrebounded the Broncos 42-24.

"From a week ago against Akron until right now, it's felt like 6 months," Dakich said. "I'm glad to get out of here with a win."

BG will be back in action Saturday with 1 p.m. square off with Miami at Anderson Arena.

## Spartans maul Michigan

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Adam Ballinger scored 14 points to lead four Michigan State players in double figures as the Spartans beat Michigan 71-44 Wednesday night, their eighth straight win in the rivalry.

The Spartans (12-8, 3-4 Big Ten) took control with an 11-0 run early in the first half and never allowed Michigan (8-10, 3-5) to get back in the game.

Michigan State's Alan Anderson scored 12 points. Marcus Taylor and Aloysius Anagnonye scored 10 each.

LaVell Blanchard led Michigan

with 16 points and eight rebounds. Chris Young scored 13 points.

There was a sense that the Wolverines, with first-year coach Tommy Amaker and four returning starters, had their best chance to snap their losing streak Wednesday.

Michigan State is down to just seven recruited scholarship players after graduating five seniors and losing two underclassmen in the NBA Draft.

But this game looked a lot like the previous seven, which Michigan State had won by an

average of 21.9 points.

The Spartans shot better, played better defense and outrebounded Michigan. Michigan State made 52.1 percent of its shots, held the Wolverines to 29.6 percent shooting and outrebounded them 41-25.

Michigan played very well for the first few minutes.

However, after the Spartans took their first lead at 14:29 mark of the first half, they scored 11 unanswered points to go ahead 18-9.

Michigan State outscored the Wolverines 15-4 over the final

6:12 of the half to take a 37-19 lead.

Anagnonye scored 10 points before halftime, two points more than he's ever scored in a half, but he was scoreless in the second half.

The Wolverines got off to a good start in the second half, as they did to start the game, but they couldn't maintain the solid play, just like they couldn't in the first half.

Michigan pulled within 14 twice over the first couple minutes of the second half but didn't get closer.



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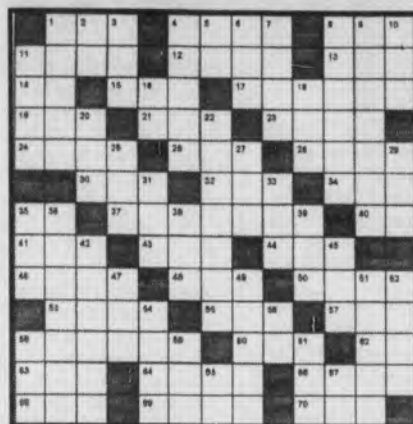
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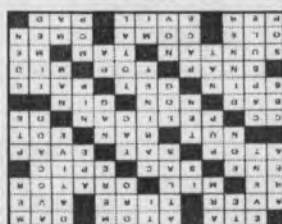
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